

## Story 31



# The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-42

**The Bridge:** One day Jesus stopped by a well in Samaria. From the time that the Kingdom was divided after Solomon died, the Jews wanted nothing to do with the Samaritans because they were a mixed race. The disciples went into town for food, and Jesus waited for them at the well.

### The Story:

- A woman came at noon to get water because none of the other women wanted to be with her. Jesus spoke kindly to her and asked her for a drink.
- The woman was shocked that Jesus even spoke to her. “Therefore the Samaritan woman \*said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans)” (John 4:9).
- Jesus told her that if she knew who He was, she would ask Him for living water. When she asked Him for this living water, Jesus said, "Go, call your husband and come here" (Mark 4:16). “The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus \*said to her, "You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly” (John 4:17-18).
- The woman then wanted to know the place where God was to be worshipped, in Samaria or Jerusalem. Jesus responded. “... an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers” (John 4:23).
- Jesus then revealed to her that He was the Messiah. She ran back into town to tell the people.
- They wanted to hear Jesus. He stayed there for two days teaching that He was the Messiah who came to save all people, not just the Jews. Many of the people believed (Mark 4:40-41).



*What does this story tell you about Jesus?*